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NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE CONFERENCE

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- 1. WE HAVE INFORMED FOREIGN SECRETARY MEHTA AND CONSULATE GENERAL BOMBAY HAS INFORMED INDIAN ATOMIC ENERGY CHAIRMAN SETHNA OF THE WILLINGNESS OF US REPRESENTATIVES AT THE SALZBURG CONFERENCE TO HAVE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE INDIAN DELEGATION. MEHTA TELLS US THAT THE LEADER OF THE INDIAN DELEGATION WILL BE J. C. SHAH WHO IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INDIAN ATOMIC POWER AUTHORITY AND A SUBORDINATE OF SETHNA.
- 2. CONGEN BOMBAY HAS FOUND SHAH TO BE PERSONABLE AND FRIENDLY AND TO RECALL PLEASANTLY MEMORIES OF HIS STUDIES AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY. HE HAS NOT REPEAT NOT, HOWEVER, BEEN PARTICULARLY FORTHCOMING IN OUR QUEST FOR INFORMATION REGARDING NUCLEAR PROBELMS RELATED TO TARAPUR. WE WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT RECOMMEND INITIATING BROAD RANGING DISCUSSIONS OF BASIC NONPROLIFERATION ISSUES WITH SHAH. HE IS NOT REPART NOT A POLICY LEVEL OFFICIAL AND WE SHOULD RESERVE OUR DISCUSSIONS ON THESE SUBJECTS FOR SETHNA AND VELLODI AND MEHTA. SHAH, CONFIDENTIAL

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HOWEVER, IS LIKELY TO BE INTERESTED IN ASCERTAINING HOW TARAPUR WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE NEW US NUCLEAR EXPORT POLICY AND DISCUSSING FUEL SUPPLY AND SPENT FUEL STORAGE PROBLEMS RELATED TO TARAPUR. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE US DELEGATION DISCUSS THIS WITH HIM BUT EXERCISE CAUTION IN BREAKING NEW GROUND REGARDING WHAT THE US MIGHT EXPECT OF INDIA IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR A CONTINUING FUEL SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP.

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